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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

NCR CORPORATION,
a Maryland Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZAPPOS.COM, INC.,
a California Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No.

COMPLAINT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 Plaintiff NCR Corporation ("Plaintiff" and "NCR"), as and for its as and for its
2 Complaint against Defendant Zappos.com, Inc. ("Defendant" and "Zappos"), by its undersigned
3 counsel, hereby alleges as follows:

4 **PARTIES**

5 1. Plaintiff NCR Corporation is a Maryland corporation with its principal place of
6 business located at 1700 South Patterson Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio 45479-0001.

7 2. On information and belief, Defendant Zappos is a California corporation with its
8 principal place of business located at 2280 Corporate Circle, Suite 100, Henderson, Nevada
9 89074.

10 **JURISDICTION**

11 3. The following claims for patent infringement arise under the Patent Laws of the
12 United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 281 *et seq.* This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of
13 these claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a).

14 **VENUE**

15 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b), because
16 the Defendant resides in this judicial district.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

18 5. Plaintiff NCR is the owner by assignment of the following patents (referred to
19 collectively below as the "NCR Patents"):

20 a. U.S. Patent No. 6,591,643 (the "'643 Patent"), issued on September 14,
21 1999, entitled "Mechanism for Dependably Organizing and Managing Information for Web
22 Synchronization and Tracking among Multiple Browsers";

23 b. U.S. Patent No. 5,991,791 (the "'791 Patent"), issued on November 23,
24 1999, entitled "Security Aspects of Computer Resource Repositories";

25 c. U.S. Patent No. 6,253,203 (the "'203 Patent"), issued on June 26, 2001,
26 entitled "Privacy-Enhanced Database";

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d. U.S. Patent No. 6,480,855 (the "'855 Patent"), issued on November 12, 2002, entitled "Managing a Resource on a Network where Each Resource Has an Associated Profile with an Image";

e. U.S. Patent No. 6,502,096 (the "'096 Patent"), issued on December 31, 2002, entitled "Computerized Asset Management System"; and

f. U.S. Patent No. 6,519,600 (the "'600 Patent"), issued on February 11, 2003, entitled "Computerized Asset Management System".

6. Zappos directly and/or through subsidiary companies, owns and operates an Internet website at www.Zappos.com (the "Website").

7. Zappos, by its design, manufacture or construction of the Website and/or the supporting systems, and/or by its use and operation of the Website, and/or by performing certain methods in connection with the operation of the Website, has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of each of the NCR Patents. The Website, including the system or systems, hardware, data, firmware, and software that constitute the Website or make the operation of the Website possible, are referred to herein as the "Accused Systems."

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,643)

8. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 7 above as if set forth herein in full.

9. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

- (a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos has infringed and is infringing the '643 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '643 patent and/or has induced or contributed to infringement of the '643 patent;

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(b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '643 patent as set forth herein has been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

(c) The infringement by Zappos of NCR's '643 patent has caused and will continue to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,791)

10. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 9 above as if set forth herein in full.

11. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

(a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos, has infringed and is infringing the '791 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '791 patent and/or has induced or contributed to infringement of the '791 patent;

(b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '791 patent as set forth herein has been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

(c) The infringement by Zappos of NCR's '791 patent has caused and will continue to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,203)

12. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 11 above as if set forth herein in full.

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13. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

- (a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos, has infringed and is infringing the '203 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '203 patent, and/or has induced or contributed to infringement of the '203 patent;
- (b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '203 patent as set forth herein has been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- (c) The infringement by Zappos, of NCR's '203 patent has caused and will continue to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,855)

14. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 13 above as if set forth herein in full.

15. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

- (a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos, has infringed and is infringing the '855 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '855 patent, and/or has induced or contributed to infringement of the '855 patent;
- (b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '855 patent as set forth herein has been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

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1 (c) The infringement by Zappos, of NCR's '855 patent has caused and will
2 continue to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no
3 adequate remedy at law.

4 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5 (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,096)

6 16. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in
7 paragraphs 1 - 15 above as if set forth herein in full.

8 17. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief,
9 formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove
10 after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

11 (a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos, has
12 infringed and is infringing the '096 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to
13 sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '096 patent and/or has
14 induced or contributed to infringement of the '096 patent;

15 (b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '096 patent as set forth herein has
16 been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the
17 meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

18 (c) The infringement by Zappos, of NCR's '096 patent has caused and will
19 continue to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no
20 adequate remedy at law.

21 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

22 (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,519,600)

23 2. Plaintiff NCR incorporates by reference the factual allegations set forth in
24 paragraphs 1 - 17 above as if set forth herein in full.

25 3. Plaintiff NCR states that, to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief,
26 formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, it will likely be able to fully prove
27 after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery that:

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1 (a) In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c), Defendant Zappos has
2 infringed and is infringing the '600 patent by making, using, selling, or offering to
3 sell the inventions protected by one or more claims of the '600 patent and/or has
4 induced or contributed to infringement of the '600 patent;

5 (b) Defendant Zappos's infringement of NCR's '600 patent as set forth herein has
6 been and is deliberate and willful, making this an exceptional case within the
7 meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and

8 (c) The infringement by Zappos of NCR's '600 patent has caused and will continue
9 to cause NCR monetary damage and irreparable harm for which it has no adequate
10 remedy at law.

11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 **WHEREFORE**, NCR requests judgment:

13 (a) That each of the NCR Patents, and claims thereof, are valid and enforceable;

14 (b) That Zappos has infringed one or more of the claims of each of the NCR Patents
15 and that its infringement has been willful;

16 (c) That NCR has been irreparably harmed by the infringing activities of Zappos;

17 (d) That Zappos, its officers, agents, servants, employees and those persons in active
18 concert or participation with any of them, as well as all successor or assignees of the interests or
19 assets related to the Accused Systems, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further
20 infringement of the NCR Patents;

21 (e) That an accounting be had for the damages caused to NCR by the infringing
22 activities of Zappos;

23 (f) That NCR be awarded damages adequate to compensate for Zappos's
24 infringement, which shall include lost profits but in no event shall be less than a reasonable
25 royalty for the use made of the inventions of the NCR Patents by Zappos, including pre- and post-
26 judgment interest, and costs, including expenses;

27 (g) That, once actual damages are assessed, damages so ascertained be trebled in view
28 of the willful and deliberate nature of the infringement and be awarded to NCR, with interest;

(h) That this be declared an exceptional case and that NCR be awarded its attorneys' fees; and

(i) That NCR be awarded such further necessary or proper relief as this Court may deem just.

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, NCR hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL

PROCEDURE 7.1

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, Plaintiff NCR Corporation ("Plaintiff" or "NCR") states that it owns a majority interest in the following subsidiaries, the shares of which are publicly-traded in the subsidiary's home country:

NCR Corporation (Philippines): 91% of shares owned by NCR Corporation

NCR (Thailand) Limited: 90% of shares owned by NCR Corporation

NCR (Nigeria) PLC: 60% of shares owned by NCR Corporation

NCR further states that there are no publicly owned corporations, not party to this action, that have a financial interest in the outcome of this litigation.

Dated:
September 12, 2006


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